

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 605

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Willow Run Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Page and Jordan families of Williamson County certainly rank among those estimable Tennessee farming families; Willow Run Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1901, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, located near the Trinity community, Willow Run Farm was established in 1901 by Thomas Harvey Page and his son-in-law, Archer Lee Jordan; Mr. Page was married to Nannie McClaran Page, and Mr. Jordan was married to Annie Page Jordan, the daughter of Thomas Harvey and Nannie McClaran Page; and

WHEREAS, during Thomas Harvey Page and Archer Lee Jordan's day, the 11-acre farm produced row crops, Jersey cattle, horses, mules, and vegetables; Archer Lee Jordan bred registered Jersey cattle which his children and grandchildren presented in cattle shows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had seven children: Nannie Sue, Thomas Lee, Garner, Aubrey, William, Bruce, and Walter; Walter C. Jordan inherited the farm in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Walter C. Jordan was married to Emma Ida Wilson, and the couple had one son, Walter Lee Jordan; under their ownership the farm was expanded to 125-acres, and produced corn, tobacco, Angus and Jersey cattle, horses, and mules; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Walter Lee Jordan, a World War II veteran, inherited the farm from his father, Walter C. Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Walter Lee Jordan and his wife, Sarah Jordan, live on the farm and continue to use the barn built in 1915 for cattle and hay; and

WHEREAS, every generation of the Jordan family has been involved in agricultural organizations including, the Home Demonstration Clubs, Farm Bureau, and 4-H; and

WHEREAS, the Page and Jordan families were also founding and active members of the Trinity Methodist Church, located in the Trinity Community of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as the members of the Page and Jordan families, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owners Walter Lee Jordan and Sarah Jordan, whose Willow Run Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and their family for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.